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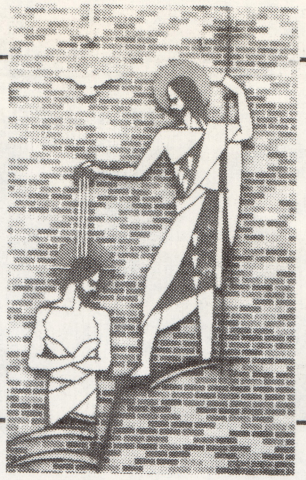

just a word

By Father Harvey

As you will note in the Bishop's letter printed on this page, the month of October has been designated as Respect Life Month. The folder which has been placed in this week's YPSILANTI CATHOLIC also deserves your consideration, as we are all asked to continue growing in our Christian and human awareness of the sacredness of human life in all stages and conditions of development.

The picnic today at the Mike Cicirelli farm, which is being sponsored by the Washtenaw County Right to Life organization indicates the interest and involvement of many, many people on the local level with the renewed consciousness of life's common human dignity, a fundamental dignity which is being threatened on many fronts today. Our Sunday Liturgies during the month of October will, hopefully, expand our Christian consciousness and activate our determination to respect life.

During this coming week, the national meeting for Diocesan Liturgical Commissions will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As a member of the Lansing Diocese's Liturgical Commission, I have been invited to attend this meeting with our Lansing contingent headed by Bishop Sullivan. Consequently, I will be out of town from Monday afternoon through Thursday afternoon. Any emergencies that may arise will be graciously handled by the priests at Holy Trinity Chapel. Please call them at 482-1400 should the need arise during the day. Fr Phillipon will be able to assist you in the evenings. Other members of our parish staff will be able to be of service as usual during the day.

The Diocese of Lansing Chancery
300 W. Ottawa St.
Lansing, Michigan 48933

October 1, 1973

Dear Friends in Christ:

Today, October 7th, marks the opening day of the Respect Life Program, 1973. Last year, the first week in October was set aside to promote among all Americans respect for human life in every state of its development.

In the United States we face a real contradiction. On one hand, the marvels of technology are developing sophisticated techniques for prolonging and sustaining human life endangered by disease or other disability. On the other hand, human life is becoming as cheap and dispensable as a non-redeemable container, or a paper napkin. Which approach does one follow? Much depends upon one's social conditioning and personal philosophy of life. For us in the Catholic tradition, all human life is sacred - so sacred that God's own Son embraced it.

As Christians living in a society with growing anti-life attitudes, we must continue to support that message which says every human is valuable and worthy of our concern - whether it be the unborn, the retarded, the welfare recipient, people of different cultures, youth, the senior citizen, or whoever. All men are brothers in Christ, no matter what their physical, psychological, emotional or spiritual conditions are. They deserve our care and attention.

I urge each of you to reflect carefully upon this question of respect for human life. A greater awareness of this problem will also be the springboard for a greater sense of caring by all of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Alexander M. Zaleski,
Bishop of Lansing

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

The following were registered at St. John's during the month of September, 1973:

Valerie Aaron, Sophie Barc, Michael Copciac, Bernard Doman, Frank Ewald and Theresa Kropf residing at 606 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti (483-8029).

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alton of 1166 Ruth, Ypsilanti (483-0560).

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barausky of 609 N. Mansfield, Ypsilanti (482-7595).

Mr. George M. Sehy of 108 Washtenaw, Apt. 22, Ypsilanti (475-3369).

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Campbell of 575 Malubetsch, Ypsilanti (434-4076).

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pachasa, Jr. of 4764 Washtenaw, Apt. A1, Ypsilanti (434-0626).

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klamo of 244 Fairhills Dr., Ypsilanti (434-4983).

Miss Marcie Greeley of 1175 Cornell, Apt. A1, Ypsilanti (482-9518).

PARISH DINNERS TODAY
12:15 to 4:00 p.m.
ADMISSION
Adults $2.25 *Children $1.00*
Hope to see many families there for our opening roast beef meal!

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CIRCLE OF LIFE bracelets and RIGHT TO LIFE stationery will be sold after all Masses today.

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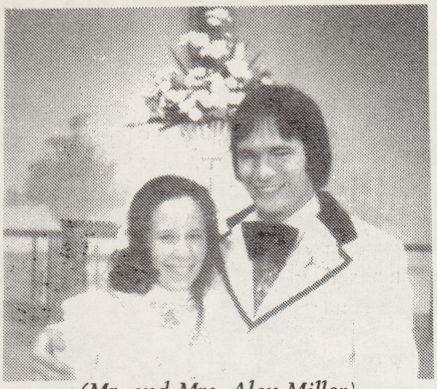
PARISH NUPTIALS



(Mr. and Mrs. Alan Miller)

Miss Nancy Ann Hogan of this parish became the wife of Mr. Alan R. Miller on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1973 in our church. Fr. Harvey witnessed the exchange of solemn vows along with Duane McCloskey of Wyandotte and Jane Kiddon of Ann Arbor.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew E. Hogan of 2605 Foster. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Miller of Lincoln Park.

Mr. Charles Hogan, brother of the bride, was lector for the wedding celebration.

(Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sears)

On Saturday evening, Sept. 29, 1973, Scott M. Sears of this parish exchanged his life-vows of marriage with Miss Lee Ann Miller in the First United Presbyterian Church here in Ypsilanti.

The Reverend Ed Craxton of the Presbyterian Church and Father Harvey were co-officiants of the wedding celebration.

George Sears of London, Kentucky and Patricia Fields of Ypsilanti served as the main attendants.

Scott is the son of Mr and Mrs. George Sears, 1003 Sherman.

Lee Ann is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Guy Miller, 39 S. Hewitt.

Our prayerful wishes for many years of happiness are extended to the newlyweds.

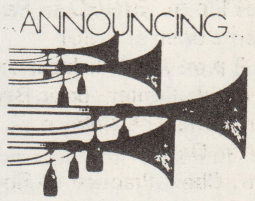
"The Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body."

PARISH WOMEN REPONSE

Last Wednesday, Oct. 3, 15 women of the parish responded to the monthly prayer together at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by coffee and rolls in the rectory. We were joined by a new parishioner, Mrs. Audrey Hartsell, whom we were happy to meet and welcome to the parish. We hope to be joined by other women, both new and old, on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH so that we can get to know each other better and extend ourselves in prayer for the needs of the parish.

BABYSITTERS NEEDED

Many of the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses are now ready to be covered by youth and adult babysitters. However, we still have many openings for both at some 9 a.m. Masses throughout the month. If there are any women or girls of the parish who would be willing to give one Sunday a month to help with 9:00 Mass babysitting, please contact Sister Carol Denise at 483-3360 or leave a message with the rectory secretary. This is a valuable service for young parents.



MORE MONTHLY HELP COULD BE USED...

...FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

COFFEE & DOUGHNUT HOUR:

If you are interested call Dick and Marilyn Ouellette at 482-4001 & offer your services.

PARISH DINNERS:

Joan Gillman can always use a helping hand to make the dinners a success. Call her at 482-3754 for more information.

BINGO:

Call the rectory, 483-3360, if you can help on a monthly basis of rotation. If you can't help, feel free to come and play the game.

AIDE NEEDED

The elementary religious education program has need of someone to help with audio-visual equipment, supplies and other services. If any high school or junior high student feels he/she can give of their time, please contact Sister Sheila at the Center.

ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH DINNER

The 19th Annual Roast Beef Dinner of St. Elizabeth's Parish, Tecumseh, will be served on Sunday, Oct. 21st, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Won't you please join us? Adults $2.75; Children under 13, $1.25 and children under 6, FREE. Why not invite your friends and relatives to join you? You and they will enjoy a good meal and a good time. We guarantee it!

REMINDERS

PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINARS begin at Holy Trinity Chapel on Oct. 12th. Register early for interview.

FAMILY PICNIC AND CLOSED AUCTION at the Cicirelli farm, 7330 Geddes Rd., Ypsilanti, today. Proceeds going to RIGHT TO LIFE of Washtenaw County.

BINGO Wednesday night at St. John's Church Hall. Bring your friends for an enjoyable evening, 7:30 to 11 p.m., doors open at 6:30.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, Oct. 7th through 13th. All Fire Departments in this area will be open for your inspection.

The SINGLES' CLUB is having a hayride on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Call 482-1942 for more information.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS BEGIN AFTER THE 9:00 and 11:00 Masses today. We hope to see many of you there again this year.

IN APPRECIATION

Your kindness and consideration are warmly appreciated.

The Family of Ruth Chadwick

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New signs are gracing the parking lot announcing paid parking at St. John's for non-parishioners, thanks to the artistic efforts of Mr. Frank Wahla. We are grateful to him for his time and talent.

attending St. Francis Elementary School. This is to meet the demand caused by the increased number of St. John parishioners in addition to neighboring parishes using the bus. An additional bus run between Ypsi and Ann Arbor has been added to accommodate high school students participating in the released time program. The other run includes Ypsi elementary school children enrolled in grade school released time programs. As soon as routes are established and other necessary information gathered there will be a cost analysis made for operation of buses so that we can determine a realistic budget and plan for replacement of buses. At present St. John parishioners using this bus for transportation of their children to St. Francis or St. Thomas Schools pay $10 per family per month. Parishioners from other Ypsi parishes pay $15 per family per month. Ethel O'Connor will contact Mary Robek regarding suggestions for tabulating the parish survey. Actual plans for tabulations will be set at the September meeting.

SERVICE COMMISSION-Chairman Natalie Motto

A. Bingo to start Sept. 19th. Must have a separate bank account for bingo money.
B. Interfaith Blood Bank Sept. 19th.
C. Dinners are to start in October and continue through May on the 1st Sunday of the month.
D. There was a discussion on how the bingo monies can be spent. There will be a meeting with someone from the State to answer questions. We will have more information at the next meeting.

WORSHIP COMMISSION - Chairman, Clem Budinger

A. There was a discussion on how to make the commission more interesting and active.
B. A discussion was held on having families help write the liturgy.
C. We will try to get the lectors and commentators and lay distributors together for a renewal.
D. Potlucks during Lent were discussed.
E. Hymnals must be gone over again.
F. There was a discussion on making a calendar of events for all commission activities. Each commission will give a list of their activities to Sr. Carol. She will put a calendar in the YPSI CATHOLIC the end of each month.

5. Fr. Harvey felt that the week at the lake was very profitable and the Team accomplished much.
6. The sisters gave a brief report on what they did this summer.

Sister Carol

1. Took the following Parish Ministry courses at Siena College in Adrian:
   A. Parish Systems
   B. Working with Young Adults
   C. Family Relationships and Human Development
2. Helped teach a girl the basics of English.

Sr. Mary

1. Attended a Musicians' and Artists' Workshop.
2. Took the following courses at Catholic University in Washington, D.C
   A. Two liturgy courses
   B. Course in voice
3. Two-week retreat with her graduating class.

Sr Anne

1. Took the following courses at Siena College in Adrian:
   A. Contemporary moral issues
   B. Gospel of St. John
2. Taught a class on Principals of Adult Education
3. Co-taught a workshop.

Sr. Sheila

1. Renewal retreat of two weeks
2. Took the following courses at Siena College in Adrian:
   A. Christianne Brusselman's workshop on celebrating the Eucharist
   B. Workshop that Sr. Anne taught
3. House of Prayer at St. Louis

7. Announcements
   A. There will be a "State of the Parish" report on Sunday, Sept. 16. This will include how we stand now and what needs to be done. Dick Wagner offered to talk at the Masses on the project drives.
   B. Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 23.
8. Old Business
   A. Administration Commission brought their tabulation sheets for their part of the survey. All Commission heads should have their tabulating done by the next meeting and enough copies for all members of the Council. Education Commission may not have theirs ready.
   B. Minor changes in the by-laws were discussed. All changes were made except Article 4. This will be carried over to the October meeting.
   C. Ray Carpenter contacted the absent member (Gary) but did nothing as the member said he would be attending the meeting. The member has already left the meeting so Ray will contact again and get his intentions for the October meeting.
9. New Business
   A. The following special projects were chosen:
      Administration ... total rejuvenation of the basement with a drive during Lent.
      Service ... felt the basement should be first also.
      Education and Worship ... passed.
      The Administration was given authority to go ahead and plan for a drive during Lent to renovate the basement and kitchen. They will get architects' plans and bids on the job.
   B. Father Harvey is sending letters to people that no longer attend or want to attend St. John per the census. He is also sending a letter to those that did not return their census form.
   C. The LIGUORIAN MAGAZINE people asked to come and talk at Masses about their magazine. The Council felt it should not be done from the pulpit.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Clyne, Secretary

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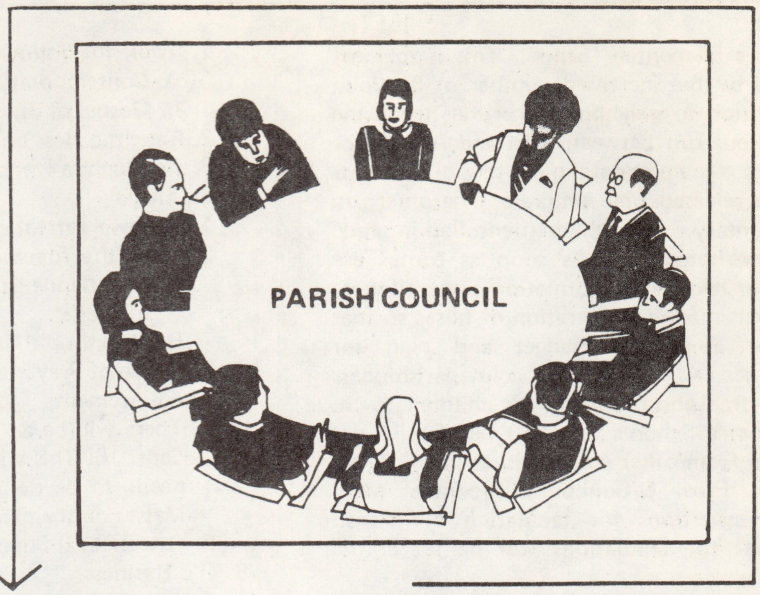
Changes for the Parish Council By-Laws were proposed and accepted. These changes involved replacement of Diocese for Archdiocese, Bishop for Archbishop and Diocesan offices for Archdiocesan offices. Article IX - Commissions - was reworded to provide for proper member attendance at the Executive meeting of the Parish Council.



PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
October 8, 1973

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of minutes
3. Commission Reports
   - Administration - Chairman, David Wheeler
   - Education - Representative, Charlyn McCarthy
   - Service - Chairman, Natalie Motto
   - Worship - Chairman, Clem Budinger
4. Announcements
5. Old Business
   - A. By-Laws - Dick Wagner
   - B. Absence Report - Ray Carpenter
   - C. Organ renovations' report - Don Racine
   - D. Surveys - Commission Chairmen
6. New Business
   - A. Parking Lot Control
7. Adjournment

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 1973

1. The meeting opened at 8:50 p.m. with a prayer by Sr. Anne.
2. All members were present.
3. The minutes were read and accepted with the following corrections:
   - A. Excused absence will be shown. Those excused from the August meeting were Dick Wagner and Ray Carpenter.
4. Commission Reports:

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION - Chairman, Dave Wheeler

A. Church receipts as of August 29, 1973
Budget $130,000.00 Actual $19,741.97

B. The sale of the property to Ann Arbor Federal Savings & Loan is complete.

C. A contract between St. John's and Gene Butman for a strip 100 ft. wide behind his dealership is being written.

D. The Ypsilanti Baptist Church has leased the school for two years with an option to buy.

EDUCATION COMMISSION - Sr Anne

At the last meeting, the format for Commission meetings and the need for more members was discussed. Sr. Anne will seek new members on Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 23rd. On this date, the liturgical theme will be religious education and the teachers will receive their commission to teach during the Masses.

A teacher training workshop has been scheduled for Sept. 12, 13, 19 and 20 to prepare teachers for teaching religion. We are presently in need of elementary teachers.

The religion program calendar beginning this fall was reviewed. More activities for Senior Citizens will be planned through joint efforts of Education, Service, and Worship Commissions.

The Service and Education Commissions will cooperate in establishing a Teen Council composed of junior and senior high school students to plan and direct social and service activities for parish/community youth.

Family Religious Education Days are planned for Nov. 11 and April 28.

A Retreat/Marriage Encounter will be held Sept. 14-16. Evenings of recollection are being planned for singles on Oct. 26 and Young Adults on Nov. 9.

In compliance with a directive of Bishop Zaleski regarding regulations for first confession, we will invite parents of children now receiving or preparing for First Communion to also make a separate preparation of their child for the sacrament of Penance if they so desire. In addition a suitable catechesis regarding this sacrament will be given to all second, third and fourth graders. However, 1973-74 fourth graders will be the only students prepared in the classroom for individual, sacramental reception of Penance. It is well to remember that no child is obliged to make a Confession before receiving First Communion. However if he so desires and is properly prepared and mature enough he may not be denied the sacrament.

A handbook containing information about the curriculum calendar, and policies of the Center is being mailed to parents who have students registered in our religious program.

Due to increased use of the bus service to parochial schools in Ann Arbor, the parish is now operating both buses each day. Two buses will make runs for those

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, Oct. 7th
- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School classes in the Parish Center
- 9:00 and 11 a.m. - Babysitting in Room 5 in Parish Center
- 9:00 and 11 a.m. - Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass in the Parish Hall
- 12:15 to 4 p.m. Parish Roast Beef Dinner in Parish Hall

MONDAY, Oct. 8th
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Parish Hall
- 7:00 to 8 p.m. Junior High Classes meet in Parish Center
- 8:00 p.m. Parish Council meets in Parish Center Library

TUESDAY, Oct. 9th
- 12:30 p.m. Ypsi State Hospital Workers meet in church parking lot.
- 7:30 p.m. Convert Class meets in Parish Center Library
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy Preparation Committee meeting held in Rectory Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10th
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Elementary Classes in Parish Center
- 7:30 to 11 p.m. BINGO in Parish Hall (doors open at 6:30)
- 7:30 to 9 p.m. Adult Education Classes in Parish Center. Basic Beliefs and Scripture. The Unborn.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11th
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in Room 9 of the Parish Center

FRIDAY, Oct. 12th
- 7:30 p.m. Baptism Class meets in the Parish Center Library

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th
- 5:00 p.m. Mass - FIRST COMMUNITY LITURGY

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Oct. 8th - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Capt. Robert Arvin, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Arvin
- 2:30 p.m. NO MASS AT PARKVIEW TODAY

TUESDAY, Oct. 9th - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George J. Max

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10th - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. John and Genevieve Nanry, req. by the Joe Nanry Family
- 8:30 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, Oct. 11th - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req by Dorothy Pinsoneault

FRIDAY, Oct. 12th - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Edward Bennett, req by Joanne Burns

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th - Weekday
- 9:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION
- 5:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mullins, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Durfee
- 6:30 p.m. Nuptial Mass, James Warner and Sharon McGinley

SUNDAY, Oct. 14th
- 7:00 a.m. Delia Beaudette, req. by The Mailmen
- 9:00 a.m. Raymond Renkiewicz, req. by Mrs. Teresa Suchowski
- 11:00 a.m. Michele and Christopher, req. by The Smiley Family
- 12:30 p.m. Intention of the Parish

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Week of Oct. 8th
- Team I - Rick and Jeff Steeby
- Team II - Chris McCarthy and Matt Chiodini

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th
- 5:00 p.m. Ronald Bureau and Joe Slater

SUNDAY, Oct. 14th
- 7:00 a.m. David Dupuis and Tom Anhut
- 9:00 a.m. Scott Phetteplace and Mike Cicirelli
- 11:00 a.m. Mike and Pat Wideman
- 12:30 p.m. Dennis Tice and Larry Koch

WEDDINGS & FUNERALS
- Tim Motto and John Baxter

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Ted Birdsall

SUNDAY, Oct. 14th
- 7:00 a.m. . . . . John Baxter
- 9:00 a.m. . . . . Phil Stokes
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . Dave Wheeler
- 12:30 p.m. . . . . John White

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . James Baker

SUNDAY, Oct. 14th
- 7:00 a.m. . . . . James Palasek
- 9:00 a.m. . . . . Vera Clyne
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . Mary Wheeler
- 12:30 p.m. . . . . Chris White

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . R. Koehl

SUNDAY, Oct. 14th
- 9:00 a.m. . . . . G. Butman
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . M. Wawrzaszek
- 12:30 p.m. . . . . R. Wagner

WEDDING BANNS

III James Warner and Sharon McGinley

II Joseph W. Ceccacci and Margie L. Dunn

OFFERTORY OBSERVATIONS

September 30th

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
7:00 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday thorugh Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 12:30 p.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:30 Wednesday evenings.

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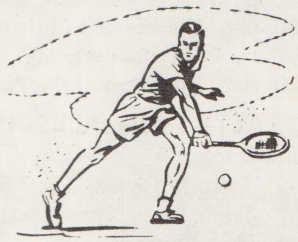
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There is evidence that society is growing more sensitive to the needs and rights of the aging. But much remains to be done. Individuals and local parish and community groups have a key role to play. The aging are here . . . among us . . . now.

We must approach them with gratitude for the contributions they have already made . . . with appreciation for the contributions they can still make . . . and with generous readiness to do all that is needed to make their golden years a time of fulfillment.

A Challenge To All

Respect for life cuts across lines of age and race and nationality. The respect due human life is violated by the scandal of poverty, both at home and abroad . . . the glaring fact that some persons have far more than they need while others lack even the necessities of life.

Respect for life is at the heart of the issue of peace and war . . . calling upon all men and nations today to find new ways of resolving conflicts, establishing justice, and restoring peace to a world in which, throughout history, peace has been the exception rather than the rule.

Through the Respect Life Program you can sharpen your sensitivity to the life-related issues of today . . . join with others in study and action designed to protect life . . . give witness to your belief in the God-given sanctity of each and every human life.

We are all called to respect life. Let us answer that call . . . today and always.

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RESPECT LIFE IN MICHIGAN

Respect for Life in its earliest form came into sharp focus in Michigan in November of 1972. The challenge to the dignity of unborn life in the form of the vote Proposal B was met head-on by the people of Michigan when the proposal to allow abortion on demand was defeated by a voter majority exceeding 2 to 1.

Recognizing that it would be the height of hypocrisy to defend unborn life so resoundingly and then to ignore the continuing attacks on the dignity of other segments of life, the Michigan Catholic Conference through its Board of Directors initiated a strong effort to encourage Respect for Life in all of its aspects by establishing a Respect Life Task Force. Members of the Task Force represent all of the Dioceses; the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Dioceses of Lansing, Saginaw, Marquette, Grand Rapids, Gaylord and Kalamazoo.

The purpose of the Task Force is to identify those social and moral problems which affect society and which demean the dignity of the individuals.

The Task Force is concerned with questions involving poverty and the powerlessness that accompanies it, the criminal justice system, housing, education, health and environment, war and peace and many other "life" issues.

The Respect Life Task Force has been meeting regularly through most of this year and will soon present a report to the Michigan Catholic Conference Board of Directors outlining long-range plans which, if adopted, would help chart the future course of the Church in Michigan in building Respect for Life.

Together with the participating Dioceses, we are pleased to share with you this brochure which highlights some of the major themes of Respect for Life. During the month of October, these themes will be observed in the Liturgy.

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Respect Life!

Respect for life is many different things . . . a slogan, an ideal, an attitude of mind and heart. It has all those meanings in the Respect Life Program.

Respect Life is a Catholic community experience focusing attention on the dignity of human life and threats to life in today's world.

Whose life?

- The life of the unborn child . . . jeopardized by abortion on demand.
- The life of the retarded child or adult . . . often shunted aside by society.
- The life of the young person . . . seeking understanding and trust from preoccupied and sometimes hostile adults.
- The life of the elderly . . . frequently placed on the shelf and even penalized by a society which rewards only its "productive" members.
- The life of the poor and powerless . . . too often exploited by the rich and powerful.

These lives and many others. Indeed, all lives. Every human life is a gift from God and therefore sacred. When one life is threatened or violated, the lives of all of us are diminished.

The Respect Life Program seeks to call attention to life-related issues . . . to encourage individuals and groups to develop deep and abiding respect for human life . . . respect which will be reflected in programs, policies and actions now and in the years ahead.

Dioceses and parishes throughout the nation will be conducting Respect Life activities in the weeks to come. You will have opportunity to learn much more about the issues at stake. Take advantage of it.

Here we will take a quick look at some of the major themes of Respect Life, as a starting point for further study and reflection.

The Unborn

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, reversing a long tradition, legalized abortion on demand everywhere in the United States.

What is the meaning of that decision?

- It means that a being, whom medical science has recognized as human, can legally be killed before birth for almost any reason, even the most trivial.
- It means that unborn children are denied legal protection which, in this country, is guaranteed even to convicted criminals.
- It means that the most innocent and helpless life of all, unborn life, is open to assault by anti-life forces.

What can be done about it?

First, we must do a better job of educating ourselves and others about the child before birth . . . a being who at the moment of conception receives the unique genetic characteristics of a human individual . . . who from conception on has a unique cell structure unlike that of any other human who has ever lived or ever will live . . . whose heart is beating within 25 days . . . who, six weeks from conception, has a brain with traceable brain waves, circulating blood, rudimentary organs, a backbone and skeletal system, arms and legs, fingers and toes, eyes and ears.

Second, we need to seek restoration of legal protection for the unborn child . . . state laws and policies as restrictive as the Supreme Court decision allows . . . ultimately a constitutional amendment to protect unborn human life from violation.

Third, we need to adopt policies and programs of a helping and compassionate nature for women who have problem pregnancies . . . readily available counseling and medical services . . . effective adoption procedures . . . a community spirit of sympathy and acceptance for unwed mothers.

The Mentally Retarded

Throughout history the mentally retarded have been victims of society's misunderstanding and mistreatment. In recent years we have learned a great deal about retardation and, as a result, have begun to correct abuses. But we still have a long way to go.

There are slightly more than 6 million mentally retarded persons in the United States. Generally speaking, their IQ is somewhat lower than average . . . but they have most of the emotional, social and spiritual capabilities of other people.

With early identification and help, most of the mentally retarded can rise above their handicap. In fact, 80% of the retarded children in the country are capable of leading happy, productive lives.

Yet many people still consider the mentally retarded beyond help. This is an attitude concerned Americans must work to change.

The mentally retarded are our brothers and sisters, as fully human as other persons. They *can* be helped, and we must help them.

How? By combating prejudice and misinformation about mental retardation . . . by supporting practical programs intended to help the mentally retarded achieve their highest level of self-realization . . . by backing research efforts which hold out hope for corrective treatment in the future.

Youth

Like the weather, the generation gap is something everyone talks about but no one—or almost no one—does much about.

What can be done?

A "gap" in human relations can only be closed by building bridges . . . by fostering understanding and communication . . . in a word, by creating mutual trust.

Many adults do not trust young people. Many young people do not trust adults. That is what the generation gap is all about.

Mistrust does not easily become trust. Attitudes and practices must change. Both sides—adults and young people—must act on the assumption that the other party deserves to be trusted. Negative, trust-developing practices like rejection, ridicule, disrespect and failure to practice what one preaches must be abandoned.

Young people and adults should seek practical experiences in which their capacity for mutual trust is built up. The generation gap will not be closed until someone takes the first step. Hopefully this step and all the others that follow will be taken together by adults and youth.

The Aging

The years of aging are supposed to be golden years. But for many elderly people the "gold" is tarnished.

Our society puts a premium on youth, glamour, productivity. The result, too often, is disregard for the aging.

This is short-sighted in the extreme. Many elderly persons are fully capable of contributing to society . . . to their families, their neighborhoods, their parishes, to the world of work. They have much to offer. They should have opportunity to make their contribution.